

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMISSION
CASE NO. 11-003**

**IN RE: NATALIE JENSEN
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF KRS CHAPTER 11A**

**INITIATING ORDER
Initiation of Administrative Proceeding
And Formal Complaint**

The Executive Branch Ethics Commission (the "Commission"), upon its own motion, initiated a preliminary investigation of Natalie Jensen (the "Respondent"), pursuant to KRS 11A.080(1), on January 18, 2011.

At all relevant times the Respondent was a "public servant" as defined in KRS 11A.010(9), and thus subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

The Commission initiated the preliminary investigation to determine whether there was probable cause to believe the Respondent violated provisions of KRS Chapter 11A (also referred to herein as the "Ethics Code").

The Commission focused its investigation upon the Respondent's possible violation of the Ethics Code by using her official position to give herself a financial gain and an advantage in derogation of the public at large; and knowingly receiving, directly or indirectly, interest or profit arising from the use or loan of public funds in her hands or to be raised through any state agency.

The Commission notified the Respondent of the preliminary investigation by letter dated January 18, 2011. During the course of the investigation, the Commission found probable cause to believe that violations of KRS Chapter 11A had occurred and voted on March 8, 2011, to initiate an administrative proceeding, pursuant to KRS 11A.080(4)(b) and KRS Chapter 13B, to determine whether the Respondent violated the Ethics Code as set forth in the Allegations of Violations, attached hereto and incorporated fully herein as Appendix A to this Initiating Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

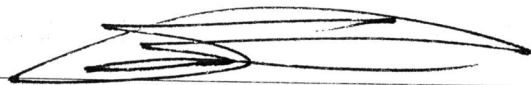
1. The Respondent shall file her answer to this Initiating Order within twenty (20) days from the date of service, verifying the truth and accuracy of any answer submitted.
2. The Respondent shall appear at a hearing to be scheduled by subsequent order and be prepared to defend against the Commission's allegations that she committed the Ethics Code violations set forth in the Allegation of Violations, attached hereto and incorporated fully herein as Appendix A to this Initiating Order.
3. All material submitted to the Commission shall be addressed to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission, #3 Fountain Place, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. The Commission is represented by John Steffen, Executive Director. He may be contacted through the Commission's office at (502) 564-7954.
4. The Respondent has the right to legal counsel during this proceeding. If the Respondent retains legal counsel, that person shall file an appearance with the Commission, and thereafter all correspondence from the Commission to the Respondent shall be mailed or delivered to the Respondent's attorney.
5. The Respondent has the right to examine upon request, at least five (5) days prior to the hearing, a list of witnesses the Commission expects to call at the hearing, any evidence that will be used at the hearing and any exculpatory information in the Commission's possession.
6. The Respondent has the right to subpoena witnesses on her own behalf. If the Respondent subpoenas witnesses, she shall pay for all costs associated with the subpoenas' issuance, including any applicable witness fees.
7. If the Respondent fails to attend or participate as required at any stage of the administrative hearing process without good cause shown, she may be held in default pursuant to KRS 13B.050(3)(h).

8. The Respondent has a right to appeal any final Commission order to the Franklin Circuit Court within thirty (30) days of service.

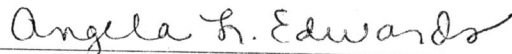
9. This proceeding is subject to KRS Chapter 11A, the Commission's regulations, the provisions of KRS Chapter 13B, and any Order issued by the Commission or its hearing officer issued during this administrative proceeding.

So ordered this 8th day of March, 2011.

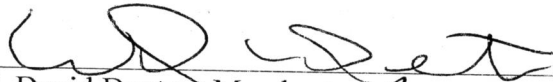
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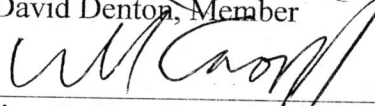
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William G. Francis, Member

**APPENDIX A
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INITIATING ORDER**

ALLEGATION OF VIOLATIONS

The Respondent, Natalie Jensen, was at all relevant times an employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, serving in the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence in the Energy and Environment Cabinet. As such, the Respondent was subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. KRS 11A.010(9)(h).

During the course of its preliminary investigation, the Commission found probable cause to believe that Natalie Jensen committed the following violations:

COUNT I

Natalie Jensen, during her course of employment with the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence, used her official position to obtain financial gain for herself; and to secure or create privileges, exemptions, advantages, or treatment for herself in derogation of the public interest at large by misappropriating public funds.

Specifically, Natalie Jensen executed three checks on the account of the Governor's Conference on the Environment, a bank account entrusted to Natalie Jensen in her official position. Natalie Jensen cashed check number 214 dated February 3, 2009 payable to herself in the amount of \$1,000.00. Natalie Jensen cashed check number 216 dated May 4, 2009 payable to herself in the amount of \$250.00. Natalie Jensen cashed check number 233 dated July 28, 2010 payable to "cash" in the amount of \$1,000.00.

These facts constitute violations of KRS 11A.020(1)(c) and (d).

KRS 11A.020(1)(c) and (d) provide:

(1) No public servant, by himself or through others,
shall knowingly:

(c) Use his official position or office to obtain financial gain for himself or any members of the public servant's family; or

(d) Use or attempt to use his official position to secure or create privileges, exemptions, advantages, or treatment for himself or others in derogation of the public interest at large.

COUNT II

Natalie Jensen, during her course of employment with the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence, knowingly received, directly or indirectly, interest or profit arising from the use or loan of public funds in her hands or to be raised through any state agency. Natalie Jensen cashed check number 214 dated February 3, 2009 payable to herself in the amount of \$1,000.00. Natalie Jensen cashed check number 216 dated May 4, 2009 payable to herself in the amount of \$250.00. Natalie Jensen cashed check number 233 dated July 28, 2010 payable to "cash" in the amount of \$1,000.00.

These facts constitute a of violation KRS 11A.040(2).

KRS 11A.040(2) provides:

(2) A public servant shall not knowingly receive, directly or indirectly, any interest or profit arising from the use or loan of public funds in his hands or to be raised through any state agency.

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